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Where Summer Visitors Land.

on either side by the mansions of the wealthy, or the cottages of the artisan. Such a city is Toronto, with a background of low, billowy hills, skirted east and west by beautifully laid out parks, pretty rivers and streams, and situated on a splendid harbour. Across the harbour lies the "Island," beyond and around heave and glisten the clear, cool waters of Lake Ontario. Over all, the bright blue dome of an Italian sky completes a picture as fair as one will find on this continent. No wonder is it that this city is year by year increasing in favor as a most fitting place for holding monster conventions, as an objective point for large excursions, and as an ideal abiding place during the summer season.



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The area within the city limits, exclusive of the Island or portions of city land covered by water, is 10,391 acres

or over 16 square miles. The city's population is 220,000.

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It is the first sight of land which greets the traveller from across the lake, and the appearance of the low sandy shore,



Hotel Hanlan, Toronto Island.

dotted with clumps of trees, caused the Indians to christen the place with a name signifying "trees standing out of the water."

Viewed from the bay approach, it presents a delightful scene to the joyous crowds of pleasure-seekers on board the fine steamboats of the Toronto Ferry Company, which ply back and forth. The general outline speedily assumes definite form and color, showing, to the eastward, the long break-water ; in the centre, the deep green foliage of Island Park ; or, as the west end, or Hanlan's Point, is approached, a more "Coney Island" air is apparent; and stirring strains of band music are wafted across the intervening water.

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summer population at the Point, occupying pretty cottages or living at the hotels or boarding-houses.

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In the Business Section.

their bent and indulge romantic fancies at the far eastern point, known as "Ward's," where the habitations of man are scattered, and the ownership and occupation of the soil are disputed by the frogs—the "musicians of the marsh"

—the solitary heron, the fleet-winged duck or dainty snipe. Here one may commune with nature, the unceasing lullaby of the waves upon the stony shore begetting dreamy reveries. To this spot the wary fisherman repairs with rod and line. There are some cottages here and a small hotel.

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St. James' Cemetery is laid out on a portion of these Ravines to the south-east.



The splendid grounds, track and club house of the Toronto Lacrosse and Athletic Association are located on the height of land near these Ravines.

Bits in Rosedale.

Reservoir Park and Mount Pleasant Cemetery, on the northern confines of the city, are reached by the Yonge street cars. They form part of the range of hills and ravines and embrace some of the prettiest scenery near Toronto.

Toronto's great pleasure resorts, however, are on the lake shore, east and west of the city. The King street west route gives access to Exhibition Park and the parks and

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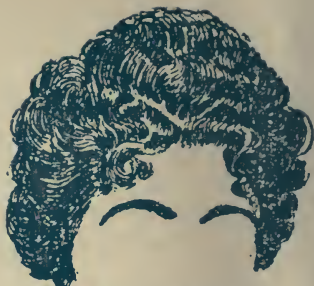
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Leaving the Humber, the trolley car winds through leafy lanes, past well-tilled fields, and, emerging again upon the lake shore, speeds rapidly on its way. Mimico is soon reached. It is a pretty village, noted chiefly for being the site of the Asylum, which consists of a group of fine buildings situated in extensive grounds. Numbers of summer residences are espied along the route, bowered in fruitful orchards, on the lake shore. Mimico is a favorite suburban resort for many Toronto families.

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